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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Odidi et al.	Examiner: Webman, E.
Application Serial No.: 09/166,701	Art Unit: 1617
Filed: October 5, 1998	Atty. Docket No.: SMI-005.01
Title: <i>Controlled Release Pharmaceutical Delivery Device and Process for Preparation Thereof</i>	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Webman:

In response to the final Office Action that was mailed on June 6, 2003 in the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response. A Notice of Appeal, a Change of Entity Status, and a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time are filed concurrently herewith. The Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Please amend the application as follows.